

REMARKS

Claims 1 –42 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 16 and 27 are independent claims.

In the present document, independent claim 1 has been amended to specify recording the estimated property of interest on a suitable meeting. Independent claim 1 has also been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 40.

Claim 40 has been canceled.

Dependent claims 2 and 3 have been amended to change their dependency.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 42.

Claim 42 has been canceled.

Dependent claims 17 and 18 have been amended to change their dependency.

All the apparatus claims have been amended to remove intended use language.

Independent claim 27 has been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 42.

Claims 38 and 39 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The examiners objections and rejections are addressed in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C.§ 101

Claims 1-15 and 40 and rejected under 35 U.S.C.§ 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Independent claim 1 has been amended to specify a concrete and tangible result of recording the estimate of the property of interest on a suitable meeting. Claim 40 has been canceled.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-15 that depend upon claim 1 are patentable under 35 U.S.C.§ 101.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C.§ 112 ¶2

Claims 2-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.§112 ¶2. Applicant respectfully disagrees; the terms that the examiner identified as being undefined were in claim 40. With the incorporation of claim 40 into claim 1, Claims 2-3 continue to be patentable under 35 U.S.C.§112 ¶2.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C.§ 102

Claims 1-7, 11, 13-22, 26-34, 36-39 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.§ over *Prammer* (US 6204663). Claims 1, 15 and 27 are independent claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 40 which has been indicated in the office action as being allowable.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 42 which has been indicated in the office action as being allowable.

Independent claim 27 has been amended to include the substantive elements of claim 42 which has been indicated in the office action as being allowable.

Claims 38 and 39 have been canceled.

With the amendment of the independent claims 1, 15 and 27, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 11, 13-22, 26-34, 36-37 and 41 are patentable under 35 U.S.C.§ over *Prammer*

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C.§ 103

Claims 8-10, 23-25 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.§ 103 over *Prammer* in view of *Edwards* (US 6452389).

With the amendments to the independent claims noted above, applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-10, 23-25 and 35 are now patentable under 35 U.S.C.§ 103 over *Prammer* in view of *Edwards*.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due for these amendments to
Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (584-35597-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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